

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Specification has been amended to import the inventor's stated and intended definition for the term "appendages", as it was originally used and defined in the claims, which is meant to include any appendage that serves to propel the animal through the water when driven by the motor. Support for this definition is found at Lines 5-6 of Claim 1 in the original application, so that no new matter is hereby being added to the Specification.

Claims 1-16, and 19 remain unchanged.

Claims 17 and 18 are combined to conform to the indicated allowability of the original claim 18, by the formality of importing the already existing limitations of original Claim 17 into Claim 18, and thereby rewriting Claim 18 in independent form. Applicant submits that this represents only a formality and makes no actual change to the breadth of Claim 18 as originally written, thereby sacrificing no equivalents otherwise deserved. No change related to the patentability of the claim results from the amendment to Claim 18, because all limitations in the amended independent claim were inherently already present in the original dependent version.

Claims 17 and 20 are combined to conform to the indicated allowability of the original claim 20, by the formality of importing the already existing limitations of original Claim 17 into Claim 20, and thereby rewriting Claim 20 in independent form. Applicant submits that this represents only a formality and makes no actual change to the breadth of Claim 20 as originally written, thereby sacrificing no equivalents otherwise deserved. No change related to the patentability of the claim results from the amendment to Claim 20, because all limitations in the amended independent claim were inherently already present in the original dependent version.

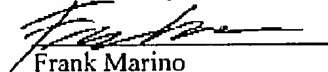
Claim 21 is amended only to clarify that the meaning of the term "its" in Lines 9 and 10 referred to the flap, and not the water toy. Applicant submits that this represents only a formality and makes no actual change to the breadth of Claim 21 as originally written. No change related to the patentability of the claim results from the amendment to Claim 21, because all limitations in the amended claim were already present in the original version.

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CONCLUSION

The applicant respectfully submits that these amendments have rendered the application allowable, as indicated, and placed the application in condition for the prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance, which is graciously requested.

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